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Community Calendar

TODAY

Post Newcomer Orientation

8 a.m., NCO Club. The Post Newcomer Orientation is mandatory for all Soldiers arriving to Fort Jackson and includes attendance at Basic Combat Training graduation which is traditionally held outdoor. Newly arriving civilian employees are also invited to attend. Soldiers who bring their spouses will get a three-day pass through their chain of command. A 50 percent off meal coupon will be provided to all attendees. For more, contact Miranda Broadus at 751-1124/9770/5518/5256.

TODAY

Evening Storytime at the Library

6:30 - 7 p.m., Thomas Lee Hall Library. Visit the library for an evening of stories, songs and crafts. Suggested age is six and younger. For more information, call 751-5589.

FRIDAY

First Friday Golf Tournament

1 - 6 p.m., Fort Jackson Golf Club. The Captain's Choice event will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. You may enter your own team, but the team must have a total team handicap of at least 40, with no single handicap counting for more than 20 of the team's total. Individuals are also encouraged to sign up. The PGA golf professionals will make teams of the individuals that enter. Call the Pro Shop or stop by the clubhouse to sign up. For more information call 803-787-4437.

FRIDAY

DES Night Out/Jackson Jubilee

3-6 p.m. at the Solomon Center. The event will feature DES static displays, entertainment for children (inflatables), Family Readiness Groups, Unit competition for attendance (special prizes for unit participation), door prizes, information booths from on and off post organizations/agencies and businesses. The event is open to the Fort Jackson community. For more information contact Marilynn Bailey, ACS/Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator, 751-5444.

WEDNESDAY

Steps to Federal Employment for Military Spouses

9 a.m.– 12 p.m., Strom Thurmond Bldg., Room 222. Information on civil service and NAF employment. The event is targeted to military spouses, but open to all military and DOD ID card holders. To register call 751-9460/5452 or email Barbara.l.martin10.civ@mail.mil

AUG. 13

Run for the Fallen

8 a.m. at Hilton Field. Sign up to participate at the MWR website, http://fortjacksonmwr.com/

AUG. 17

Association of the

United States Army luncheon

11:30 a.m., Fort Jackson NCO Club. The cost of the event is \$11 and may be mailed to AUSA, P.O. Box 10188, Fort Jackson, SC 29207. The featured

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Deadline for events to be included in the calendar or Happenings is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will occur, as well as other necessary information.

If you submit an article on an event that already has taken place, please send it as soon as possible. Tuesday is the last day we will we be able to accept an article for publication the following Thursday. Include the date and place of the event, as well as a description of what took place. Please include quotations, if possible. With any photo you submit, include IDs — rank, unit, and first and last names.

Questions? Call 751-7045.

speaker for this event is retired Gen. Carter F. Ham, president and CEO, Association of the U.S. Army. R.S.V.P. sbbutler@bellsouth.net by Aug. 11.

AUG. 17

Neighborhood Huddle

Noon, playground on McLeod Court for residents of Howie Village and Mabry Manor. Housing residents are invited to meet the housing staff and garrison leadership to discuss housingrelated concerns.

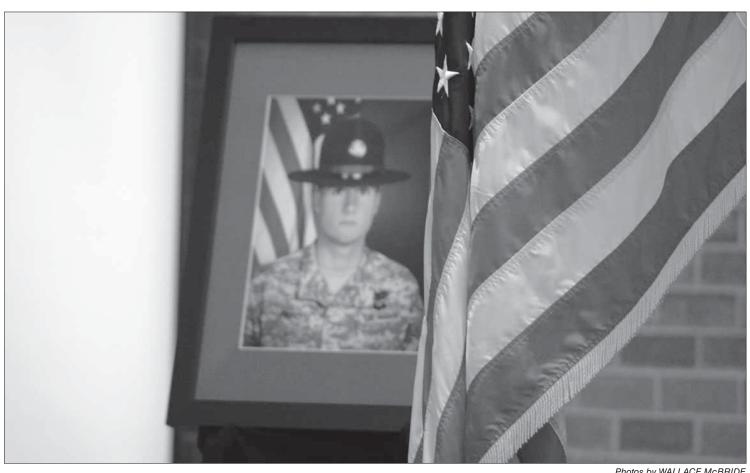
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Photos by WALLACE McBRIDE

A memorial service was held July 29 at the Main Post Chapel for Sgt. 1st Class Jonathon Prins, Prins, 29, and Sgt. 1st Class Charles Judge Jr., 40, a member of the S.C. National Guard, were fatally shot while trying to protect a woman in a Lexington County bar.

'He made a difference'

Friends, family and colleagues celebrate the life of slain Soldier

By WALLACE MCBRIDE Fort Jackson Leader

"I miss my friend," said Staff Sgt. Shawn Burns, pushing against waves of sadness Friday as he recalled the life of Sgt. 1st Class Jonathon M. Prins.

Burns was one of several Soldiers to take the pulpit Friday at the Main Post Chapel for a memorial service designed to remind friends, Family and colleagues that Prins' life -and death - meant something. Prins, 29, and Charles Allen Judge Jr., 40, a member of the S.C. National Guard, were fatally shot July 24 while trying to protect a woman in a Lexington County bar.

Prins would have dismissed titles such as "hero," Burns said, but it was a word he said accurately described his friend. "Jonathon died protecting someone he didn't even know. Think about what that says about his character."

The hardest thing for me to accept, personally, is the loss of someone with so much potential to make a difference in the Army and life," said 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment Commander Lt. Col. Michael

Whitney. "Whether home or abroad, Jonathon's actions exemplified what it means to be an American

Prins' career began in the summer of 2006, when he completed basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. His first assignment was to the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment as a fire support specialist. He would serve seven years at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, deploying twice to Afghanistan and once to Iraq. He arrived at Fort Jackson in August 2014, where he assumed his duties as a drill sergeant with the 165th Infantry Brigade.

"When I received the call about Prins, I didn't want to believe it," said 1st Lt. Frankie Moore, Delta Company commander, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment. "As the pieces of the event started to come together, I was not surprised to find out that he had placed himself in the face of danger in order to help someone else. As a decorated war veteran, he staring in the face of danger was second nature to him.

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Staff Sgt. Spencer Palmer fights back tears Friday while speaking about his friend, Sgt. 1st Class Jonathon M. Prins. Palmer was among the Soldiers to pay their respects to Prins during the July 29 memorial service on post.



Photos by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Former Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rod Celestaine, right, holds the Garrison Colors before passing the colors to Garrison Commander Col. James Ellerson to give to Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. John P. Drawbond signifying the change of responsibility from Celestaine to Drawbond.

New face 'round post

Garrison welcomes new command sergeant major

By DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Fort Jackson Leader

Command Sgt. Maj. John P. Drawbond became Fort Jackson's 10th Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Garrison during a July 29 change of responsibility ceremony at the post theater.

Drawbond takes responsibility from Sgt. Maj. Rod D. Celestaine, who had served in that position since 2014.

"I'm proud to be serving along side each of you, such great Americans, in the mightiest Army on earth," Drawbond said during the ceremony.

Most recently, Drawbond was the command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Accessions Mission Support Battalion at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He has been married for 23 years to his wife, Sandy, and has two children, Mason and Afton.

Garrison Commander Col. James Ellerson Jr. said he looks forward to Drawbond providing a unique perspective to the installation, and helping to improve customer service on post.

After hearing that Drawbond was coming to Fort Jackson, Celestaine reached out to him and said the two of them have been joined at the hip ever since.

"When you pass off an organization ... it's like you were raising it and now you're going to pass it over," said Celestaine. "I have no worries. The only advice I have is to be the best garrison command sergeant major on Fort Jackson"

During his speech, Drawbond said he was thankful for Celestine's help.

"I can't repay you for all you have done. I thank you," he said.

Ellerson said serving with Celestaine was a true honor that



Command Sgt. Maj. John P. Drawbond was most recently the command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Accessions Mission Support Battalion at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

he hopes to get again.

"He embodies the creed of the non-commissioned officer," said Ellerson. "The first two lines of the creed says 'No one is more professional than I. I am a noncommissioned officer, a leader of Soldiers.'

"And, when you interact with Command Sgt. Maj. Celestine, it's clear you are talking to a professional Soldier," he

Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd. Phone: 751-7488

FRIDAY

The Free State Of Jones (R) 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Independence Day: Resurgence (PG-13) 1 p.m.
The Shallows (PG-13) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

Finding Dory (PG) 1 p.m. Independence Day Resurgence (PG-13) (PG-13) 5 p.m.

TICKETS

Adult: \$5.50 Child (6 to 11): \$3

3-D TICKETS

Adult: \$7.50 Child (6 to 11): \$5

- Ticket sales open 30 minutes before each movie.
- Movie times and schedule are subject to change without notice.

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GATE 5

- Open 5-10 a.m. Monday through Friday for inbound and outbound traffic.
- Closed 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Reopened 4-6 p.m. for outbound traffic only.
- Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



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JACKSON JUBILEE

Friday, Aug 5 (3 - 6 p.m.) At the Solomon Center

Jackson Jubilee will feature:

- » DES will have static displays
- » Entertainment for children (inflatables)
- » Family Readiness Groups
- » Unit competition for attendance (special prizes for unit participation)
- » Door prizes
- » Information booths from on and off post organizations/agencies and businesses

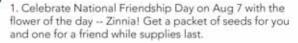
This event is open to the Fort Jackson Community. For more information call Marilynn Bailey, ACS/Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator, at 751-5444.

Bring your Family and explore your community!

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Water Park Season Membership or Day Pass:



2. National Creamsicle Day is Aug 14; Buy one Creamsicle and get a second Creamsicle free!

3. Last Days to Play! Beginning Aug. 16, bring a friend for free before school starts. Shool Age students get a pencil before school starts (while supplies last).

4. Last Day of the Season - Sept. 5

5. Dog Day at the Water Park: Sept. 10 (12 - 3 p.m.) The water park is going to the dogs. All members' dogs (up to two free, \$5 for each additional dog) get to run, play, jump and swim!

6. Every day at 6 p.m. season members enjoy members only specials at the Sand Bar Café.

Season memberships for DOD ID cardholders are just \$50 for a family of 4. \$20 for single. Non DoD ID Cardholders please see our website for information; fortjacksonmwr.com



Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Goodbye, command sergeant major

A luncheon was held July 28 at the NCO Club to celebrate the retirement of post Command Sergeant Maj. Rod Celestaine, right. ((Celestine) is completely and always level-headed," said Garrison Commander Col. James W. Ellerson Jr., left, during the event. 'I was really upset one day and he comes in and says 'You're alright, you've got it. There's nothing to worry about.' He's the type of person you want to serve with and the type of person you want with you regardless of the situation.'

Exchange, Axe team up for sweepstakes

This summer, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service and Axe are helping military shoppers clean up for the school year with the Axe Back to School Sweepstakes. From Friday to Sept. 1, authorized shoppers can enter the sweepstakes for the chance to win one of 25 \$500 Exchange gift cards.

"These Exchange gift cards will help our military shoppers get all the things they need to feel prepared for this upcoming year," said Fort Jackson Exchange PX Store Manager, Kevin Lowans. "This is a worldwide contest, but with 25 prizes available, I encourage Fort Jackson shoppers to enter."

Shoppers 18 years and older can login to *shopmyexchange.* com/sweepstakes to enter.

No purchase is necessary, and entrants do not need to be present to win. The Axe Back to School Sweepstakes prize drawings will take place on or around Sept. 8.



Always on duty

Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Fort Jackson's OPSEC officer Dwight Peters stands by an anti-terrorism education table Aug. 3 during Family Day events at the post exchange. August is Anti-terrorism Awareness Month. Every Wednesday during the month there will be an education table set up somewhere on post to help inform people on the importance of vigilance.



BRIEFS

Claims against estate

If anyone has a claim against the estate of Sgt. 1st Class Jonathon M. Prins, contact 1st Lt. Davin Harmon at davin.l.harmon.mil@mail.mil.

Change of commandant ceremony set for Aug. 9

Col. Richard J. Nieberding, Jr., Commander, U.S. Army Soldier Support Institute, cordially invites you to attend the Non-commissioned Officer's Academy change of commandant ceremony between Master Sgt. Keith E. Wells and Command Sgt. Maj. Jorge C. Escobedo at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Soldier Support Institute Auditorium.

New video outlines the selection board process

To stress the importance of preparing for the DA Selection Board, the U.S. Army Human Resources Command has produced a training video that explains the process. The video is less than an hour in length and details the enlisted centralized board selection process. The video shows how board files are displayed to board members and might help Soldiers avoid common mistakes. The leader development tool will allow NCOs to better understand how their performance and potential needs to be documented. The video can be found on the HRC website at http://go.usa.gov/ xYGkF.

Boxing event delayed until early 2017

Originally scheduled for Aug. 27, the Fort Jackson Fight Night event has been postponed until Jan. 28, 2017. The post boxing team is still recruiting active duty Soldiers to join the team. Anyone interested in participating should contact Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Manager Mike Garcia at 751-7146.



Courtesy photo

Thunderstruck

A storm rocked the greater Columbia area Monday night, prompting flash floods around the midlands. While Fort Jackson was immune to these problems, photographer Lesli Gosselin managed to capture this image of lightning striking in the distance behind post housing.

Neuroscience advances could boost performance

By DAVID VERGUN Army News Service

Advances in brain science could lead to improvements in performance and decision making, changing the way Soldiers fight in the near future.

The improvements could include increased effectiveness in detecting and engaging the enemy and increased alertness while driving through the battlespace, according to Dr. Jean Vettel, a neuroscientist at Army Research Laboratory who spoke during a media day here on July 28.

For the last seven years, Vettel's team has been running experiments to gain a better understanding of the individual differences in brain patterns that could lead to future capabilities for soldiers in the 2040 timeframe.

During her team's experiments, her researchers have been examining brain patterns using an electroencephalogram, or EEG, which records voltage fluctuations in different parts of the brain through sensors placed on a person's head.

Test subjects who are hooked up to an EEG and other sensors drive around, either in a car simulator or a real car while data is collected on their brain patterns. Researchers sometimes measure multitasking by introducing a car passenger to talk to the driver, Vettel said.

Brain patterns are formed by activated neural pathways linking various regions of the brain, but active neural connections can vary among people performing the same activity. For example, while pathways to one person's object recognition region may be active, those to the language skills region of another person's brain may be active.

The idea behind Vettel's research is to build a database on the brain patterns of

individuals and groups that will enable researchers to predict how Soldiers will drive in both a proactive state and in a reactive state, she said. A proactive state is where a driver has good situational awareness of the road, an awareness that allows him to stay in his or her lane, for instance. A reactive state is when a driver must react to a situation, such as when a driver misses an exit and must come up with a new strategy, she said.

Researchers are beginning to use the database they have developed based on their experiments to predict both types of driving performance, she said.



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Burn notice

Fort Jackson dentist, Maj. Miao Zhou, extinguishes a controlled fire outside Hagen Dental Clinic last week. Post firefighters spent the afternoon giving fire extinguisher training to clinic staff, culminating in hands-on experience with the actual equipment.

Veteran homelessness drops nearly 50 percent since 2010

Army News Service

The Housing and Urban Development and Veterans Affairs departments and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness today announced that the number of veterans experiencing homelessness in the United States has been cut nearly in half since 2010.

White House officials said data shows a 17 percent decrease in veteran homelessness between January 2015 and January 2016 - quadruple the previous year's annual decline – and a 47 percent decrease since 2010.

Through HUD's annual Point-in-Time estimate of America's homeless population, communities across the country reported that fewer than 40,000 veterans were experiencing homelessness on a given night in January 2016, officials said. The January 2016 estimate found slightly more than 13,000 unsheltered homeless veterans living on their streets, a 56 percent decrease since 2010.

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U.S. Army photo

Sgt. 1st Class Nicole Howell, 8th Theater Sustainment Command public affairs operations noncommissioned officer, talks with a homeless veteran ahead of the annual Veterans Stand-Down in Honolulu.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ANGLICAN/LUTHERAN Sunday

8:30 a.m., Liturgical, Bayonet Chapel

CATHOLIC Sunday

- 7 a.m., Confessions, Solomon Center
- 8 a.m., IET Mass, Solomon Center
- 10:30 a.m., Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel
- 11 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

Monday through Thursday, first Friday 11:30 a.m., Mass, Main Post Chapel

CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday

11:30 a.m., Worship, Anderson Street Chapel

JEWISH Sunday

- 9:15 a.m., Worship, Memorial Chanel
- 10:15 a.m., Fellowship, Post Conference Room

LATTER-DAY SAINTS Sunday

9:30 a.m., Worship, Anderson Street Chapel

MUSLIM Sunday

8 a.m., Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel

Friday

12:45 a.m., Jumah services, Main Post Chapel

PAGAN Sunday

11 a.m., Pagan Circle Sacred Well Congregation worship and study, Magruder Chapel

PROTESTANT Sunday

- 9 a.m., Service, McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
- 10 a.m., Hispanic service, Magruder Chapel
- 9:30 a.m., Service. Main Post Chapel
- 10 a.m., Worship, Daniel Circle Chapel
- 10:45 a.m., Sunday School, Main Post Chapel

- 11 a.m., Service, Memorial Chapel
- 11 a.m., Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel
- 5 p.m., youth group, Chaplain Family Life Center

Wednesday

- 7 p.m., Gospel Bible Study, Daniel Circle Chapel
- 7 p.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel, Bible Study, Chaplain Family Life Center

Thursday

11:45 a.m., Fresh Encounter Bible study, Chaplain Family Life Center

ADDRESSES, **PHONE NUMBERS**

- Anderson Street Chapel, 2335 Anderson St., 751-7032
- Bayonet Chapel, 9476 Kemper St., 751-4101/4542
- Chaplain Family Life Center, 751-4961
- Daniel Circle **Chapel**, 3359 Daniel Circle, 751-1297/4478
- Education Center, 4581 Scales Ave.
- Fort Jackson **Garrison Chaplain** and Religious Support Office, 4475 Gregg St., 751-3121/6318
- McCrady Chapel, 3820 McCrady Road at McCrady Training Center, 751-7324
- Magruder Chapel, 4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- Main Post Chapel, 4580 Scales Ave., 751-6469/6681
- Memorial Chapel, 4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- Warrior Chapel (120th Adjutant General Battalion), 1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427

Army recruiting aims to dispel myths

By C.TODD LOPEZ Army News Service

It's a myth that enlisted Soldiers don't get an education past high school.

That's according to the Army's senior recruiter, Gen. Jeffrey J. Snow, commander of Army Recruiting Command, and it's one that might discourage otherwise interested American youth from pursuing a great opportunity with the Army.

The general knows that, despite the high value the Army places on education for its enlisted service members, there is a perception among the civilian population that officers go to college and enlisted Soldiers don't. It's one of many myths his recruiters face.

"I will tell you, the vast majority of NCOs I know serving in the Army may have come in with just a high school diploma, but over time they have (obtained) an associate's degree, a bachelor's, or a master's," he said, "because of the Army's emphasis on education."

Snow believes that the reason so many civilians are ill-informed is that so few actually know somebody who is in the Army. That's a problem, Snow said, and one recruiting command is working to address through its "Reconnect with America" campaign.

"It's our effort to make sure the American public understands us," he said.

Another myth, according to Snow, is that the Army is a "last resort" for those who enlist. He said it's a common belief that those who choose to enlist do so because they can't get into college or they can't find a job.

"I just don't find that to be the case," he said. "The young men and women I interact with in my own formation, they had choices. This myth that the Army is a last resort, I just don't buy it."

He bristles at the notion that the Army would meet its recruiting goals by harvesting desperate recruits who are driven by a lack of opportunity, but he concedes the Army always wants the best, and the best can come from anywhere in the country, including high-unemployment areas.

Another potentially misleading belief found among young people and their families is that joining the Army means that they will be injured in combat, or develop post-traumatic stress disorder, or lose a limb. It's not an unfounded belief, Snow admitted, but many overestimate the threat.

Is soldiering dangerous? It sure is, Snow said. But it's not as dangerous as some parents may think.

"Obviously, we are charged with defending our country. But the reality is, only (a

small percentage) of young men and women (who join, will face) direct or indirect fire, (and) are actually subject to those types of threats."

For the first time in half a decade, Army Recruiting Command will meet its recruiting goals for both the Regular Army and the Army Reserve.

This year, for the regular Army, that goal is 62,500 people. For the Army Reserve, the goal is 15,400. The Army National Guard conducts its own separate recruiting, but if their numbers were included, the total Army recruiting goal for 2016 would be nearly 120,000 Soldiers, by Snow's estimate.

"That's certainly a credit to the hard work of our 12,500 recruiters and staff stationed around the world," he said.

Some may wonder why it is that, with the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq drawn down and the Army downsizing, the Army should continue its recruiting efforts. It's just another myth, Snow said, that the Army needs to recruit only during wartime.

"The Army is a pyramid, and we continue to bring in the new people at the bottom each and every day," he said. "So yes, we are downsizing, but also yes, we are open for business."

A new twist on recruiting now, Snow said, is the pursuit of female recruits for

combat duty. In years past, women were denied the opportunity to select combat arms jobs like their male counterparts. That's no longer the case.

So far, he said, just over 100 women have enlisted into combat Military Occupational Specialties that were formerly designated only for men. That might not seem like much, he said, but it's just the beginning. It remains to be seen how the combat roles of women will evolve in the future.

"We expect this to be gradual over time," he said. "But the fact that these remaining MOSs are open now -- essentially, the sky is the limit for them. We expect that...there will be a gradual increase in desire to pursue some of these other specialties."

Snow said the Army's initial approach to integrating women into combat arms roles -- through the use of a "leader first" approach, "is the right approach." That involves putting female officers first into traditionally closed specialties, and then following that with training for NCOs who have reclassified.

Women make up about 51 percent of the general population of the U.S., but within the Army, women represent about 14 to 15 percent of Soldiers. And within the recruiting community, women make up only about 8 to 9 percent, according to Snow.

"I BECAME A SOLDIER ... 15T BATTALION, 34TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

PVT. KENNETH J. BELTRAN, 25

Queens. New York

"I joined the Army to be a part of something that is bigger and to build a better future.

"The experience my drill sergeants have and the knowledge they possess made it easier for me

to learn and comprehend what they were teaching.

"I am a 25Q – Multichannel Transmission Systems Operator Maintainer. I picked this MOS because it has to do with technology which is forever growing, so it would be easier to find a career in the future."



PVT. EBONY ROBERTSON, 23

Brooklyn, New York

"I joined the Army to better myself and to help others become better as well.

"The mental and physical stress was good to me. It helped me progress quickly.

"I am a 92A – Logistics Supply Specialist. I've always been interested in logistics and supply.

"My Family is proud of my accomplishments.

"I've truly enjoyed my time in basic training. I've learned so much and I'm truly in love with the U.S. Army. I see myself becoming a drill sergeant in a few years."



PVT. SAMANTHA L. COPLEY, 17

Paintsville, Kentucky

"I joined the Army to better myself as a person and be part of a unit.

"The encouragement from the drill sergeants and my battle buddies are what has gotten me

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through basic training. Basic training has tested me in so many ways and I learned that I can accomplish way more than I thought. My MOS is 42A – Human Resources Specialist. I picked this MOS so I can help Soldiers prepare for deployment and take care of any financial issues."

PVT. NAVEED M. SHAIKH, 24

Bronx, New York

"I joined the Army for many reasons like money for my Family, school and myself. But, one of the main reasons was because the USA has given me a new life here with food and shelter. Now it is time for me to give back to the USA.



"Basic training has been a great military experience for me. It taught me leadership, honor and integrity."

"I am a 91B – Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. It was a hobby of mine and now I'm making it into a career.

"My Family was iffy at first, but they are proud of me defending the country." $\;$

PVT. NICHOLAS L. SEIVER, 18

Cary, North Carolina

"I first had interest in the Army from my father who was a Green Beret during Vietnam. He showed me how the Army could help change me into a better person.

"Having the opportunity to meet people from all over the country and all over the world and making brotherhood bonds" was the best about Basic Combat Training.

"I am a 91E – Allied Trades Specialist. It allowed me to develop several special skills that I could use later on in life to further my career path."



"I think being a Soldier is an honorable thing and I wanted to challenge myself.

Basic Combat Training has "made me stronger and introduced me to military life.

I am a "91B – Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. I chose it to train myself new skills about vehicles."

"My Family was worried about (me enlisting) at first mainly because of safety, but they are proud that I chose to serve."





Military millennials

Split training option creates student Soldiers

By DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Fort Jackson Leader

As the rest of her classmates spend the last few days of summer vacation shuffling through clothing racks for back to school outfits, rising high school senior Audrey Mewborne, 17, marches on Fort Jackson's Hilton Field today saluting the colors with her unit at graduation

While most people her age go back to school with new haircuts and stories about the trips they took, Audrey is coming back with 10 weeks of military training and a new title: Pvt. Mewborne of the U.S Army Reserves.

"This experience has helped me gain confidence and become more assertive," she said. "I've never shot a weapon before and the kick back scared me, but I got through it."

Audrey is a part of the Split Option program. The program allows juniors in high school to enlist in the military and complete Basic Combat Training the summer before their senior year. After graduating high school, they will attend advanced individual training.

Staff Sgt. Leander Outlaw, who is the Senior Drill Sergeant for Charlie Company 1-34, says that there is no difference in training someone in high school from training someone that just got out.

"These military millennials have different ways of learning but we do everything by standard," said Outlaw. "Some of them are hands on, some of them are more textbook. We just try to incorporate how they learn into how we train them."

Audrey's decision to join the military early was part getting a jumpstart on her military career and part following in the footsteps of her father, Fort Jackson's director of personnel, Lt. Col. Clifford Scott Mewborne.

"Now that I've gone through basic I realize everything my father was teaching me were Army Values," she said. "Everything I've learned while here have been things my father has already instilled in me."

As proud as he is that his daughter decided to join the Army early, it's hard for Scott to wrap his head around that just three months ago his baby was just 16 years old.

"I know what's she's going through," said Scott who completed his basic training at Fort Jackson in September 1987. "In the letters she's been writing home, I read them out loud to my wife and hear what she she's been dealing with, I say 'ah yeah that sounds very familiar.' Not a lot has changed."

Audrey said what she missed most while being in basic training was her father.

"I wasn't worried about her," admits Scott. "Physically she's in good shape, she's mentally strong, she knows who she is, she's a solid Christian lady and her values are solid. I knew nothing would get to her because she's just a strong, strong girl."



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As part of the split option program, Pvt. Audrey Mewborne, above, of 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, completed her Basic Combat Training before starting her senior year of high school. The program allows high school students to enlist early. 'I'm very proud of her,' said Fort Jackson's director of personnel Lt. Col. Scott Mewborne, pictured below with his daughter, Audrey. Scott attended basic combat training at Fort Jackson 30 years ago.



SEE SAY something

Post kicks off Antiterrorism Awareness Month

By ROBERT TIMMONSFort Jackson Leader

The sound of the shot was muffled by the walls and door knobs rattled as the shooter tried to open every door looking for potential victims.

"Is there anyone in here?" the shooter called out hoping for someone to reply.

While some employees were unaware of the shooter, others quickly enacted their active shooter protocols by barring the doors and hiding quietly within.

In a matter of minutes it was over.



Mark Mallach, Fort Jackson antiterrorism officer, looks for people hiding during an active shooter exercise at the Fort Jackson SJA office.

Of course, there was no active shooter – it was an active shooter drill which took place July 26 at the Staff Judge Advocate building on Fort Jackson to test the reactions of the employees within.

In August, Fort Jackson will be holding various events to highlight the sixth annual Antiterrorism Awareness Month.

Sgt. 1st Class Taneka Harris, Fort Jackson's chief paralegal non-commissioned officer, said it is imperative to be prepared for any terrorist incident that may happen.

"I think it's very important to be prepared," she said, "especially with the incidents happening all over the world, with the shooters at different installations, shooters at different locations worldwide, I think it's very important to be prepared."

She added everyone needs to take anti-terrorism training "very seriously because it could easily happen at your location and you want to be prepared – you want to make sure you have the appropriate training and you know the right steps to take to ensure not only your safety, but the people around you."

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"The terrorist threats faced today are as complex as
they have ever been at any time in our nation's history.
These threats are persistent and constantly evolving as
evidenced by the fight against the Islamie State of Iraq
and the Levant," said Mark Mallach, the Installation Antiterrorism Officer, in Fort Jackson's Protection Branch,
"The Army's antiterrorism program protects personnel,
information, and facilities in all locations, and situations
against terrorist activities. The purpose of Antiterrorism
Awareness Month is to instill Army-wide heightened
awareness, and vigilance to protect Army communities
from acts of terrorism.

ISIL is also known as ISIS, or the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. It is called Daesh by Arab nations opposed to the group brutal policies.

"Their priority is to treat it the same way as a fire – get away from it," said Officer Joseph Al-Shaer, who along with his partner Officer Roy Phoenix, teach active shooter responses. "So if they can escape we would like them to escape and go to a pre-designated rally point if you have one."

In evacuating a building, "statistically you are more likely to survive," he added. "And that's even in cases where there might have been a second shooter in the attack."

Preparation is the best way Fort Jackson can protect itself.

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- Mark Mallach, Installation Antiterrorism Officer

NEWS



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Officer Joseph Al-Shaed, left, with the Directorate of Emergency Services, talks about the proper response procedures during an active shooter drill after a drill July 26. Al-Shaed and his partner, Officer Roy Phoenix, train on how to respond to active shooter and other terrorist incidents.

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It's really simple," Mallach said. "First, remain situationally aware of your surroundings at all times, no matter whether you are at work or at a venue on post. Secondly, report any suspicious person(s) or activity immediately by calling the Fort Jackson MP desk or the 911 Center. They can be reached at 803-751-3113/3114/3115 or 911.

"Time is a critical factor for responding to and investigating these reports, so it is vital that you report the activity as soon as possible! Everyone is a sensor, and this is what strengthens our security across the installation."

Situational awareness is key because something like a gunshot may sound differently inside a building.

"It is a common occurrence when people hear rounds going off they start thinking, 'wow that sounded kind of muffled, what was that? Was that a door slamming?" Mallach explained during the drill's After Action Review. "Your mind starts rationalizing away, when your sixth sense has already said something is not right here."

People should listen to their gut feelings because if something doesn't seem right or sound right it might not be.

Throughout August the Protection Division will be educating the Fort Jackson community at several events. Plans include providing active-shooter training classes, and support for several active shooter drills at different agencies throughout the month. The Protection Division "will be setting up information tables, on a weekly basis, at high population areas around the installation, such as the PX, Commissary, MACH, and 81st (Regional Support Command)," Mallach said.

Anti-terrorism themed stories will also appear in the Leader as well as videos and graphics on Fort Jackson's social media outlets.

Homeless

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This progress is a result of partnerships among HUD, VA, USICH, and other federal, state and local partners. These partnerships were sparked by the 2010 launch of Opening Doors, the first strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness, officials said.

The initiative's success among veterans can also be attributed to the effectiveness of the HUD-VA Supportive Housing program, which combines HUD rental assistance with case management and clinical services provided by the VA, officials added. Since 2008, more than 85,000 vouchers have been awarded and more than 114,000 homeless veterans have been served through the HUD-VASH program.

"We have an absolute duty to ensure those who've worn our nation's uniform have a place to call home," HUD Secretary Julian Castro said. "While we've made remarkable progress toward ending veteran homelessness, we still have work to do to make certain we answer the call of our veterans, just as they answered the call of our nation."

"The dramatic decline in veteran homelessness reflects the power of partnerships in solving complex national problems on behalf of those who have served our nation," VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald said.

"The men and women who have fought for this nation should not have to fight to keep a roof over their head, and I'm pleased that VA is serving more veterans than ever before with heath care, education, job training and wraparound supportive services. While this is very real progress that means tens of thousands more veterans have a place to call home, we will not rest until every veteran in need is permanently housed."

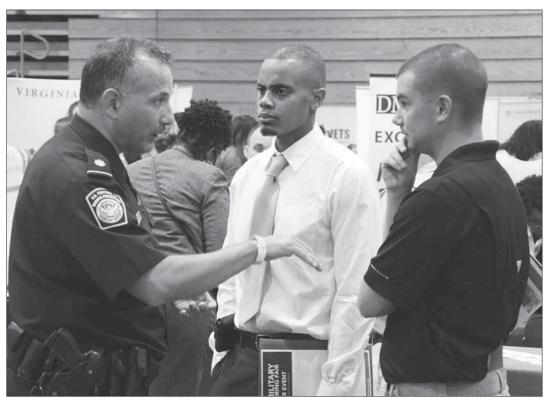
"Together, we are proving that it is possible to solve one of the most complex challenges our country faces," said Matthew Doherty, the executive director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. "This progress should give us confidence that when we find new ways to work together and when we set bold goals and hold ourselves accountable, nothing is unsolvable."

In 2014, First Lady Michelle Obama launched the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness with the goal of accelerating progress toward the national goal of ending veteran homelessness. More than 880 mayors, governors, and other local officials have joined the challenge and committed to ending veteran homelessness in their communities, White House officials said.

To date, 27 communities and two states have effectively ended veteran homelessness, serving as models for others across the nation.

HUD and VA administer a wide range of programs that prevent and end homelessness among veterans, including programs that provide health care, housing solutions, job training and education.

In fiscal year 2015, these programs helped more than 157,000 people – including 99,000 veterans and 34,000 children – secure or remain in permanent housing, officials said.



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About 100 organizations were represented at the job fair. Job seekers had the opportunity to talk face to face with organizations about what they were looking for in candidates.

Hiring Our Heroes job fair aims to employ veterans

By DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Fort Jackson Leader

Active duty Soldiers at Fort Jackson use job fair to get a jump start into the transition from military to civilian life.

Twenty percent of veterans have trouble transitioning from military to civilian life, according to *hireourheroes.com*. Fort Jackson hosted a Hiring Our Heroes job fair at the Soloman Center Aug. 2. The event was open to veterans, transitioning Service members and military family members.

"I've been homeless and unemployed," said Ernie Lombardi, a Hiring Our Heroes associate with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. "I don't want to see any of my brothers and sisters go through that."

"Companies I have a mission for you," he said. "Be the hero to put our heroes to work."

About 100 organizations were represented at the fair. An employment workshop was given before the event to help with resume writing and networking.

"The best candidate is never going to get the job if your resume doesn't speak to your skills," said James Shelton who is the military relations manager at Lockheed Martin during the class. "You have to make bold the skills you want to stand out."

Shelton also suggested to the participants of the class to take all military jargon from off their resumes. That includes changing your military title to something that's more relatable to the civilian world.

"I was a first sergeant when I was in the military," said Shelton. "I had to think 'well what do I do as a first sergeant.' I supervised so I put supervisor on my resume."

Lt. Col Donald Elliott from the U.S. Army Adjutant General



Lt. Col. Donald Elliott, of the Adjutant General School, talks to a representative from Penske. Elliot is retiring in a year and wants to start preparing for his transition into civilian life.

School said he's already gone through his resume and removed the military language. He's retiring in a year after 28 years of service and says he's not nervous about the job search.

"There are so many resources for veterans that are retiring. I am confident that the skills that I picked up in the military will cross over in the civilian career."

Sgt. Remonda Frierson, of Echo Company, 369th Adjutant General Battalion, goes on terminal leave in December and said she's going to try to stay confident.

"I've been in this uniform for 21 years," said Frierson . "It's going to be a little shaky at first but I'm not waiting till the last minute to start looking."

Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE. Photos by OITHIP PICKERT, Public Affairs Office.



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Transitioning Service members can still shop at Exchange

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service treats active-duty Soldiers and Airmen like family. When service members transition to Individual Ready Reserve status, they keep the shopping benefits they've earned.

"Service members transitioning to IRR status are very much a part of the Exchange family and can still shop at the Exchange, both in-store and online," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Sean Applegate, Exchange senior enlisted advisor. "Their Exchange benefit, including tax-free shopping and competitive prices, remains intact during their time in IRR."

Service members transitioning from active duty and their families can continue to visit their local main Exchange, Express, mall and food court. They can also shop online at *shopmyexchange.com* for exclusive military pricing on many items and an expanded merchandise selection. Besides retaining shopping privileges, those in IRR status keep their MILITARY STAR card benefits. If they don't have an account, they are eligible to apply for one.

"The MILITARY STAR card offers a competitive interest rate and no late, annual or over-limit fees," Applegate said. "Cardholders also receive extra savings at Exchange food courts and gas stations, free shipping on shopmyexchange.com and rewards points for every \$1 spent."

To gain access to the installation to shop at the Exchange, shoppers can apply for an IRR ID card at their installation's personnel office 72 hours after discharging from active duty.

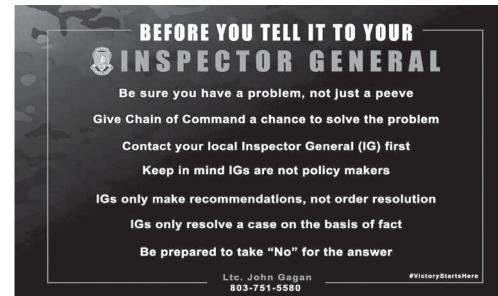




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Friend

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"Heroes are made by the paths they choose, not by the powers they possess," Moore said. "Prins did not involve himself because he was a man of steel or had superhuman strength; he walked the path he knew to be right, helping his fellow man."

Staff Sgt. Spencer Palmer said Prins was capable of changing the dynamic of any room though his force of will.

"Whether it was the smile on his face, his humor ... he stood his ground to make sure the right thing was done – even if it meant ruffling some feathers," he said. "He approached everything he encountered in his life with the same amount of passion. He never gave up and always strived to be the best."

Even in death, Palmer said Prins exemplified the best of the Army.

"When he said it, you knew he meant it," he said. "That's why, when I heard of that tragic night, I wasn't surprised. He was always one to put others above himself. He believed in doing the right thing and nothing was going to stop him, even if it meant laying down his life for another."

Among Prins's honors are the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Valor, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal.

Prins is survived by his wife, Roxanne, two daughters and a son. "Jonathon served this country with valor and lived the ethos of selfless service, making those around him better," Whitney said. "He had even extended here at Fort Jackson to continue his work with initial entry Soldiers at the reception battalion. That, more to me than anything, demonstrates how much Jonathon believed he made a difference here."



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

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Soldiers in training attended the memorial service for their drill sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Jonathon Prins, who was killed while trying to protect a woman in a Lexington County bar.



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Workshop

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The teen resilience workshop provides adolescents with skills essential for preparing them to deal with the challenges associated with Army Life.

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